

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1. (currently amended) A retractable vehicle cover apparatus for selectively covering
2 a vehicle having sides, the apparatus comprising:

3 an elongated housing presenting side wall structure and having an elongated aperture
4 presenting a length defined through the wall structure;

5 an axle disposed within the housing for rotational movement about a central axis; and

6 an elongated cover having a first end and a second end coupled with the axle, the cover
7 being selectively movable between an extended position where a substantial portion
8 of the cover extends from the housing and a retracted position where the cover is
9 substantially wrapped around the axle;

10 wherein the cover includes opposed edges defining a width, the cover including adjustment
11 means for permitting selective adjustment of the width of the cover between a rest
12 condition where the width of the cover is substantially the same as the length of the
13 aperture and an expanded condition where the cover is expanded to cover a portion
14 of the sides of the vehicle; and

15 wherein the adjustment means includes an elastic backing member having a rest width
16 substantially the same as the length of the aperture.

1 2. (canceled)

1 3. (currently amended) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in ~~claim 2~~ claim
2 1, wherein the cover further includes a plurality of elongated, aligned cover strips extending
3 substantially from the first end to the second end of the cover, the cover strips being mated to the
4 backing member.

1 4. (original) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in claim 3, wherein the cover
2 strips are constructed from a flexible, generally water resilient material.

1 5. (original) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in claim 3, wherein the cover
2 strips are constructed from generally flexible, synthetic resin material.

1 6. (original) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in claim 3, wherein the cover
2 further includes a plurality of padding strips mated to the backing member.

1 7. (original) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in claim 3, wherein the cover
2 further includes a pair of straps, each strap being coupled with one of the edges of the cover for
3 retaining the cover in the expanded condition.

1 8. (canceled)

1 9. (currently amended) A retractable vehicle cover apparatus comprising:
2 an elongated housing presenting side wall structure and having an elongated aperture
3 presenting a length defined through the wall structure;
4 an axle disposed within the housing for rotational movement about a central axis; and
5 an elongated cover having a first end and a second end coupled with the axle, the cover
6 being selectively movable between an extended position were a substantial portion of

7 the cover extends from the housing and a retracted position where the cover is
8 substantially wrapped around the axle,

9 the cover including a plurality of elongated, aligned padding strips extending substantially
10 from the first end to the second end, and an elastic backing member mated to the
11 strips for permitting selective expansion of the cover toward an expanded condition
12 for covering the vehicle when the cover is in the extended position.

1 10. (original) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in claim 9, wherein the
2 elastic backing member presents a rest width substantially the same as the length of the aperture,
3 and the backing member extends substantially from the first end to the second end of the cover.

1 11. (original) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in claim 9, wherein the
2 cover further includes a plurality of elongated, aligned cover strips extending substantially from
3 the first end to the second end of the cover, the cover strips being mated to the backing member.

1 12. (currently amended) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in ~~claim 9~~ claim
2 11, wherein the cover strips are constructed from a generally flexible, synthetic resin material.

1 13. (original) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in claim 11, wherein the
2 cover further includes a pair of straps, each strap being coupled with one of the edges of the
3 cover for retaining the cover in the expanded condition.

1 14. (original) A retractable vehicle cover apparatus for selectively covering a vehicle
2 having sides, the apparatus comprising:

3 an elongated housing presenting side wall structure and having an elongated aperture
4 having a length defined through the wall structure;

5 an axle disposed within the housing for rotational movement about a central axis; and

6 an elongated cover having a first end and a second end coupled with the axle, the cover
7 being selectively movable between an extended position where a substantial portion of
8 the cover extends from the housing and a retracted position where the cover is
9 substantially wrapped around the axle,

10 the cover presenting a pair of opposed edges, and including an elastic member extending
11 substantially between the edges of the cover, the elastic member biasing the cover
12 toward a rest width substantially the same as the length of the aperture and an
13 expanded width where the cover expands to cover at least a portion of the sides of
14 the vehicle.

1 15. (canceled)

1 16. (original) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in claim 14, wherein the
2 cover includes a plurality of elastic members.

1 17. (original) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in claim 14, wherein the
2 elastic member extends substantially from the first end to the second end of the cover, the cover
3 further including a plurality of elongated, aligned cover strips constructed from a flexible
4 synthetic resin material.

1 18. (original) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in claim 17, wherein the
2 cover further includes a strap coupled with each of the edges of the cover for retaining the cover
3 in the expanded condition.

1 19. (original) The retractable cover apparatus as set forth in claim 14, wherein the
2 cover further includes a plurality of padding strips.